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SUBJECT: CCMS: INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION ON ROAD SAFETY

THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION ON ROAD SAFETY AGREED
UPON AD REFERENDUM AT THE JUNE 13-15 PARIS WORKSHOP OF THE
ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY.

TEXT

"THE NATIONS OF THE ALLIANCE

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DEEPLY CONCERNED BY THE SERIOUSNESS OF ROAD SAFETY PROBLEMS,

IN PARTICULAR WITH THE CONTINUING HIGH SOCIAL COSTS OF UNACCEPTABLE LEVELS OF DEATHS, INJURIES, AND PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTING FROM ROAD TRANSPORT IN MODERN SOCIETIES;

CONSIDERING THAT, AS A RESULT OF CONSTANTLY INCREASING INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC, THE LEVELS OF SAFETY PERFORMANCE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL STATE PLACES UPON THE ROAD USER, THE VEHICLE, AND THE TRAFFIC INFRASTRUCTURE MIGHT WELL INCREASINGLY AFFECT THE SAFETY OF ROAD USERS FROM OTHER STATES;

REGARDING THE NATO CCMS ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY AS HAVING DEMONSTRATED THAT NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS, SUPPORTED BY THEIR INDUSTRIES AND OTHER ENTITIES, CAN WORK EFFECTIVELY TOGETHER IN SEEKING SOLUTIONS TO ROAD SAFETY PROBLEMS IN TRANSFERRING THEIR KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF ROAD SAFETY; AND

REGARDING THE EXISTING LEVELS OF KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF ROAD SAFETY TO BE SUCH THAT THROUGH THEIR MULTINATIONAL EXCHANGE AND THEIR CONCERTED OPERATIONAL APPLICATIONS IN SYSTEMATIC PROGRAMS, MODIFIED OR OTHERWISE ADAPTED TO MEET SPECIFIC PRIORITY SITUATIONS IN A PARTICULAR MEMBER NATION, MANY ADDITIONAL LIVES CAN BE SAVED AND MANY MORE CRIPPLING INJURIES PREVENTED;

(1) DO HEREBY RESOLVE AS COMMON GOALS:

(A) TO USE THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO PREVENT ANY INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL NUMBER OF TRAFFIC DEATHS FOR EACH CLASS OF ROAD USER ON THEIR ROAD NETWORKS; AND

(B) TOWARDS THIS END, TO REDUCE PROGRESSIVELY THE RATE OF TRAFFIC DEATHS PER 100 MILLION KILOMETERS OF TRAVEL ON THEIR ROAD NETWORKS BY AT LEAST 15 PERCENT OVER THE NEXT FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. GOVERNMENTS OF DENMARK, NORWAY AND UNITED KINGDOM HAVE RESERVATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE QUANTITATIVE GOAL SET FORTH HEREIN.

(2) AND DO FURTHER RESOLVE:

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(A) EACH OF THEM TO MONITOR AND ASSESS AT LEAST EVERY TWO YEARS THE RESULTS OF THE ACTION PROGRAMS MENTIONED BELOW; AND

(B) TO COOPERATE IN REEXAMINING THOSE PROGRAMS AND THE ABOVE GOALS IN LIGHT OF THESE ASSESSMENTS.

(3) AND TO THESE ENDS DO FURTHER RESOLVE:

(A) TO COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER, NONMEMBER NATIONS AND IN OTHER MULTILATERAL FORUMS IN ACHIEVING THE ABOVE GOALS THROUGH AN INCREASED EXCHANGE OF EXISTING ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM TECHNIQUES AND OPERATIONAL PRACTICES, THE DEVELOPMENT AND TESTING OF NEW KNOWLEDGE, TECHNIQUES AND OPERATIONAL PRACTICES, USE OF COST BENEFIT ANALYSES, AND THE ELIMINATION OF ANY BARRIERS TO THE DEVELOPMENT, TRANSFER AND APPLICATION OF SUCH KNOWLEDGE, TECHNIQUES AND PRACTICES.

(B) TO INTENSIFY THEIR EXISTING NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS AND/OR AUGMENT THEM WITH ACTION PROGRAMS THAT FOR EACH MEMBER NATION ARE BEST SUITED TO THE PROBLEMS IT WILL HAVE TO SOLVE TO MEET THE ABOVE GOALS, AND TO EXCHANGE WITH OTHER MEMBER NATIONS THEIR ACTION PLANS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1974, IN ORDER THAT A REPORT ON THE EXCHANGE MIGHT BE PRESENTED TO THE FALL 1974 CCMS PLENARY;

(C) TO IMPLEMENT IN THEIR ACTION PROGRAMS, IN AS TIMELY AND AS COMPLETE A MANNER AS PRACTICABLE, THE ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE ANNEXED TO THIS RESOLUTION;

(D) TO REVIEW ANNUALLY IN CCMS THE PROGRESS OF EACH MEMBER NATION AS TO (1) IMPLEMENTING THE ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE ANNEXED TO THIS RESOLUTION, (2) ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN IMPLEMENTING THEIR ROAD SAFETY ACTION PROGRAMS, AND (3) ACHIEVING THE STATED GOALS SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE; AND

(E) TO USE THEIR BEST EFFORTS IN STIMULATING OTHER NATIONS AND MULTILATERAL FORUMS: (1) TO DEVELOP AND EXCHANGE PLANS FOR THEIR ROAD SAFETY ACTION PROGRAMS, (2) TO ADOPT GOALS SIMILAR TO THOSE SET AND IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE, AND (3) TO REVIEW PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER THE PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING COMPREHENSIVE ROAD SAFETY ACTION PROGRAMS
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